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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Re: Your letter of 6.13.05 and our phone conversation of 6.15.05 concerning proposed assessment order # MC-05-01-06

Greetings,

I wish to appeal the fact of the Cessation order. I was absolutely flabbergasted when Lynn Kunzler wrote up the citation at our May 24 meeting with the B.L.M. personnel. Lyn did not inspect our operation in 2004 and there had been no change since 2004 and very little since we did a complete up date in 2001. Our operation has always been the neatest and best decorative stone quarry in the State. I believe Lynn Kunzler would attest to that.

I had no clue to these new regulations and no forewarning. In view of our record and cooperative attitude with O.G.M., I would think that they would not be slapping us with this unrealistic point system. I believe the 8 acre GPS assessment of disturbed land at our site was not correct and was unfair. All the B.L.M. people could talk about was that we need a large mine plan etc. etc. They soft talk you about how easy it is to do and how inexpensive it would be. That is pure B.S. At our Turquoise Stone Quarry we are into the second revision of our plan by a professional engineering company. This process has been going on for over one and a half years, we have spent well over \$150,000.00 and the clock is still running. We have had virtually no help from the B.L.M. and they continue to nit pick the smallest detail with the hope that we will give up and relinquish our hard won world class property that we have poured large amounts of money and hard work into over the course of the past 15 years. As you can see, I have some bitter feelings about the Utah B.L.M. after we put everything into doing the best job in our field and then kicked in the back for our efforts.

Regarding Limelight quarry, we have complied immediately to any legitimate request for change. Within 3 days of Lynn Kunzler's citation I informed him that we would reduce the size of our operation to under 5 acres within 60 days or less. I still believe that we were under 6 acres when they conducted their brief G.P.S. survey. Within 10 days I advised Lynn Kunzler that we were starting the work and he wished to meet us on that day. He was very satisfied with our methods and plan. With 3 men, small dozer, haul



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truck and loader we finished one third of the work in less than one day. We had to quit because of an equipment break down. Last Monday we began again and had another break down half way through the day. At this point we are half done, the acreage disturbed will be reduced to 3.5 acres from the claimed disturbance of 8 or more. One to one and a half days will finish the job, with the exception of seeding this fall that will only consume a half day for 1 man. We will have the main part of the work completed by the end of the first week in July. Our total labor and machinery costs are \$1,600.00 per day and with the exception of seeding our total cost for the job, completed in 3 to 4 days will not be more than \$6,400.00. Presently you are holding a \$25,000.00 bond, which is at least double of what the final reclamation will cost. I believe that your assessment is completely unfair and not at all consistent with the reality of the situation and our past record.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Mullard  
President

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P.S. In my conversation with Mr. Haddock on 9.15 he promised to come out with Lynn Kunzler for the final inspection and view the reality of our operations and see what other close by operations get away with.

cc: Mary Ann Wright, Assistant Director, Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Specialist